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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 October 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 and 13-16 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 17-24 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 2, 4, 6-11, 13-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz in view of Eggleston (US 2002/0013854)

As to claim 1, Katz teaches a method for providing temporary wireless services on a pay per use basis over a wireless network (figure 2A), comprising:

- providing a temporary wireless service connection to a non-subscribing user;
- determining a usage amount incurred by the user for the temporary wireless service connection; and
- charging the user for the determined usage amount for the temporary wireless service connection.

Katz fails to teach the wireless network is a local wireless network. Eggleston teaches the wireless network is a local wireless network (paragraph 0024, 0025). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Eggleston into the system of Katz in order to keep connectivity costs to minimum as Eggleston suggested.

As to claim 3, Katz teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the usage amount is determined by how many minutes the user was provided the temporary wireless service connection (figure 2).

As to claim 5, Katz teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the usage amount is determined per transaction incurred by the user (figure 2).

2. Claims 2, 4, 6-8, 17-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz and Eggleston in view of Wang (US 6,526,033).

As to claim 2, Katz teaches the method of claim 1 in which transfer the data to the web server, Katz fails to teach providing a temporary wireless service connection to the user includes dynamically assigning an IP address to the user. Wang teaches providing a temporary wireless service connection to the user includes dynamically assigning an IP address to the user (col.5, lines 59-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Wang into the system of Katz in order to transfer data in the packet network.

As to claim 6, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the usage amount is determined per packet transferred by the user (Wang, col.2, lines 5-18).

As to claim 17, Katz teaches a system for providing a temporary wireless service connection to a user's wireless device (figure 2), comprising:

a wireless device; and

a wireless network for establishing a temporary wireless service connection to the wireless device, determining a usage amount for the temporary wireless service connection, and charging for the usage amount for the temporary wireless service connection;

the wireless network including configure to the user for a limited time interval, the determined usage mount being based at least in part on the time interval.

Katz fails to teach a dynamic host configuration mechanism for apportioning IP address and local wireless network. Wang teaches a dynamic host configuration mechanism for apportioning IP address (col.5, lines 59-65). Eggleston teaches the wireless network is a local wireless network (paragraph 0024, 0025). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Eggleston into the system of Katz in order to keep connectivity costs to minimum as Eggleston suggested. As to claim 18, Katz teaches the system of claim 17, wherein the wireless device is a personal digital assistant (col.9, lines 26-48).

As to claim 19, Katz teaches the he system of claim 17, wherein the usage amount is determined by one of the following: per packet transferred, per time used, per transaction transacted and per byte transferred (figure 2).

As to claim 20, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the system of claim 17, wherein the local wireless network includes a facility for assigning a dynamic IP address to the wireless device (figure 3):

As to claim 21, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a temporary wireless service includes using a dynamic host configuration mechanism to apportion an IP address to the user for a limited time interval (Wang, col.5, lines 59-65).

As to claim 22, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 21, wherein the usage amount is determined by how many minutes the user was provided the temporary wireless service (figure 2).

As to claim 23, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 9, wherein the user is a nonsubscribing user.

As to claim 24, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 17, wherein the user is a nonsubscribing user.

As to claims 4, 7, 8, the combination of Katz and Wang teaches the method of claim 1, the combination of Katz and Wang fails to teach the usage amount is determined per byte transferred by the user, the wireless service connection is provided to the user using an 802.11 standard wireless protocol connection and receiving a wireless service termination signal from the user. However, the examiner takes Official Notice the reciting limitations are known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of above reciting limitations into the system of Katz and Wang in order to enhance the system performance of the transferring telecommunication system.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 9-11, 13-16 are allowed.

As to claim 9, the teaching of above prior arts either alone or in combination fails all the limitations of the recited claim.

Dependent claims 10, 11, 13-16 are allowable for the same reason.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANH C. LE whose telephone number is 571-272-7868. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM-5:00PM.

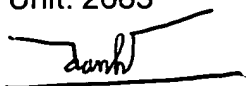
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, WILLIAM TROST can be reached on 571-272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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